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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a customer of a small, excellent, local, competitive internet service provider. I strongly support broadband competition. Do not take away access to critical unbundled network elements! These unbundled elements are allowing such providers to grow, expand fiber deployment, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, my ISP is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of its customers, likely leading to higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for us consumers.

The recent petition from AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, violates the spirit and intention of the 1996 Telecommunications Act which enables competitive market entry and encourages new network deployment.

Keep broadband access competitive!!!

Thank you.

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